

Amendments to the claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

4. 7. (currently amended) A window wiper, in particular

~~flat beam window wiper~~ for vehicles, comprising: having a spring strip back (10) that exhibits a variable strip thickness (d) across the length of the back (l), having a connecting device (11) situated in the middle on the spring strip back (10) for a wiper arm (12), and having a rubber-elastic wiper strip (13) fastened to the spring strip back (10), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring strip back (10) is refined in such a way that it exhibits a quasi constant course of strength or hardness along the length of the back.

2. 8. (currently amended) The window wiper according to

~~Claim 4 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the spring strip back (10) is heated to a hardening temperature in a continuous operation, then quenched and, to temper it, heated to a tempering temperature in such a way that it does not reach the tempering temperature until immediately before it leaves the a tempering zone.

~~3.~~ 9. (currently amended) The window ~~Window~~ wiper according to Claim ~~2~~ 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tempering zone is divided into multiple temperature zones, and ~~that wherein~~ the spring strip back (10) is moved through the temperature zones in such a way that it passes last through one of the temperature zones last that brings about the tempering temperature.

[4.] 10. (currently amended) The window ~~Window~~-wiper according to Claim ~~3~~ 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the length of the last temperature zone in ~~the~~ a pass-through direction of the spring strip back (10) is coordinated with ~~the~~ a pass-through speed of the spring strip back (10) in such a way that the spring strip material reaches the tempering temperature as late as possible.

~~5.~~ 11. (currently amended) The window ~~Window~~ wiper according to Claim ~~2~~ 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the spring strip is heated using thermal radiation.

~~6.~~ 12. (currently amended) The window ~~Window~~ wiper according to Claim ~~3~~ 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the last temperature zone in ~~the~~ a pass-through direction of the spring strip back (10) is thermally well isolated from ~~the~~ preceding temperature zones.